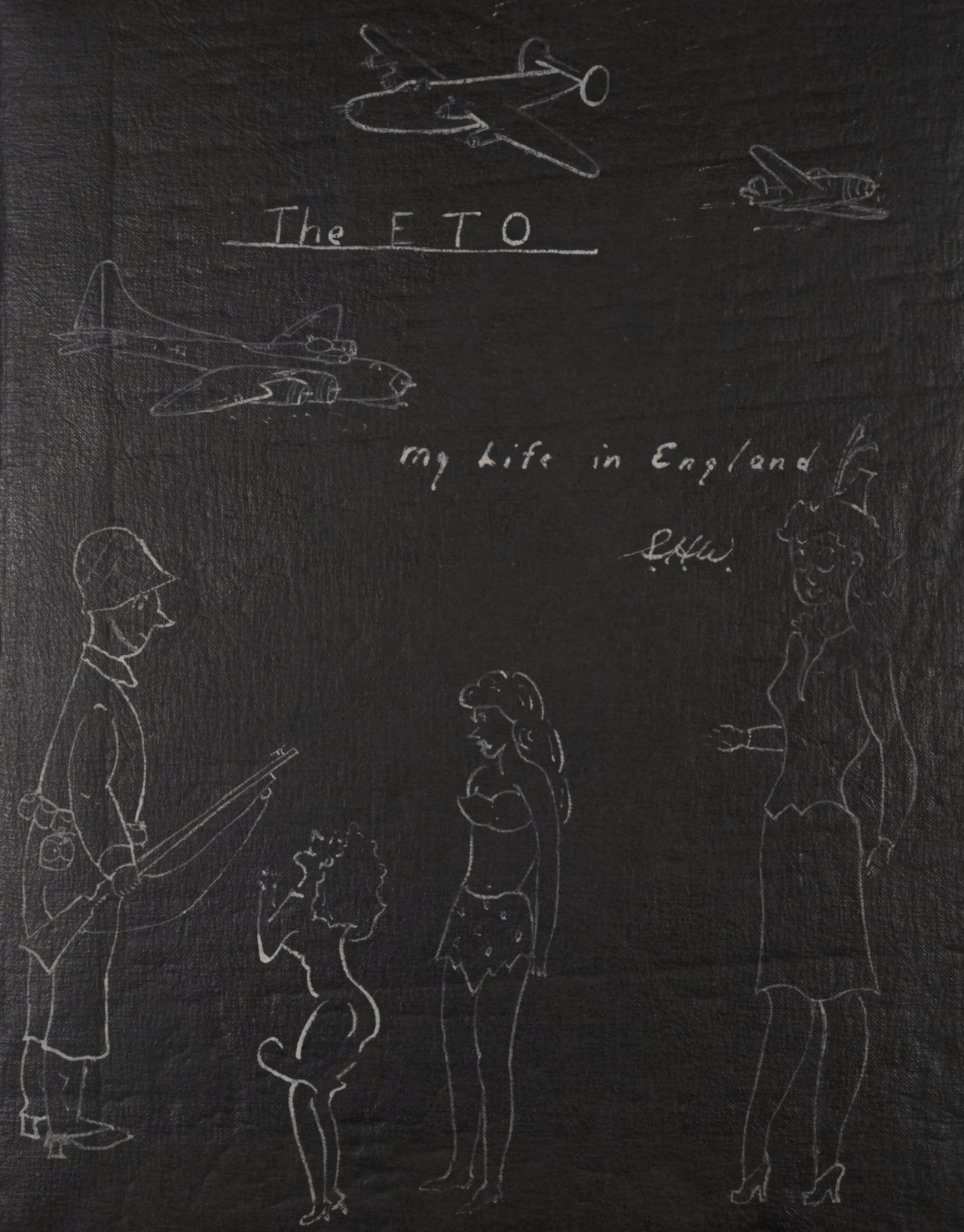
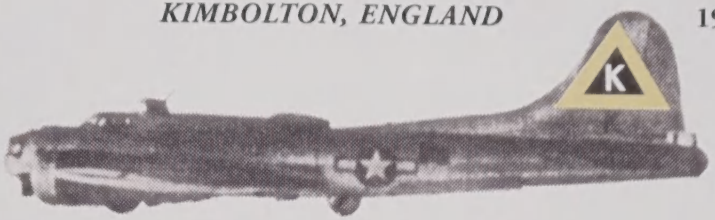

The ETO
my Life in England
S.H.W.

379th Bombardment Group (H)

1942 *KIMBOLTON, ENGLAND* 1945



Distinguished Service Award

Sion H Wentworth

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the remarkable success of the 379th Bomb Group during World War II. Your dedicated service was vital in developing the 379th into the most outstanding Bomb Group in the entire Eighth Air Force, and in other Theaters of Operation World Wide. Your 379th comrades are proud to have served with you.

Lewis E. Lyle
Major General U.S.A.F. (Retired)
Former Commander
The 379th Bombardment Group (H)
Headquarters Group...Headquarters Squadron...82nd Service Group
524th Bombardment Squadron...525th Bombardment Squadron...526th Bombardment Squadron...527th Bombardment Squadron...18th Weather Squadron Detachment...42nd Station Compliment Squadron...203rd Finance Detachment "A"...
248th Medical Dispensary - Aviation (RS)...427th Air Service Group...445th Sub-Depot...667th Air Material Squadron (part of 427th Air Service Group...
853rd Air Engineering Squadron (part of 427th Air Service Group)...881st Chemical Company (Air Operations)...1059th Military Police Company...
1124th Quartermaster Company Service Group...1173rd Ordnance Supply and Maintenence Group...2096th Engineering Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

Presented by the 379th Bomb Group WWII Association

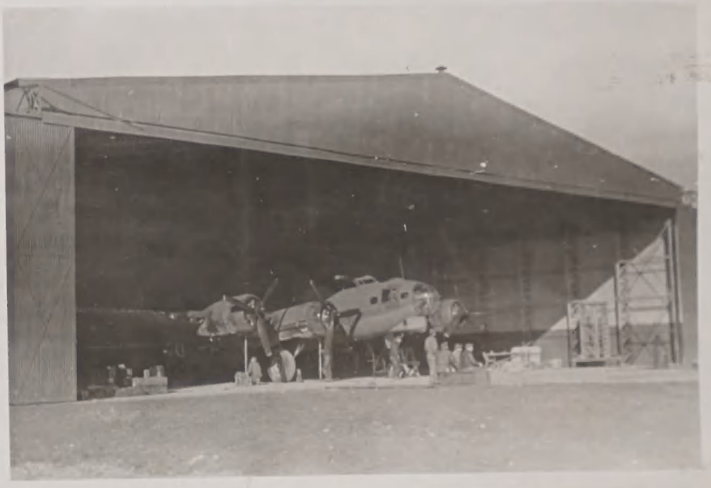
England from May '43 to May '45

Village from Sick quarters

Tower With Trolley

8AM. Inspection in Company Street Dec 43

Crash Crews Waiting for action



athree Ship hanger

Cochrane, Holmes, Brinkman & Andrews

Wallace & Crew

Lts Carlson & Wallace
July 43

Lts Freid, Wallace & Eastner
Sgts Katz & Fontana

Sgt Marx
June 43

Lts Bellmyer, Mortenson, Nejney
Brink, & Pourtales May 43

Lt Bartley
July 43

Bendiner + Hejney

N.M. Johnson
Templeton
K.L. Johnson
Cobey
Dawson
Stout
St Pierre
Bryson

a F/W winging over for a attack

Newman, Coller, Kelley, & Jackson

N.M. + K.L.

Leslie

Wyland, Konier, Gross, Davidson, Cannal
Cruzon, Rodriguez, Sherman, Rukavina Fisher

F/O Reese

Skeeter + Crew at Rest Home

Sweating them in!

(GPR-36-7-379)(27-7-43)(OFFICER PERSONELL)

Pourtales

(GPR-379-72-2)(27-7-43)(OFFICER PERSONELL GROUP)

Fawkes, Just Back From Ditching

(GPR-120-3-379)(11-11-43)

Duffy Christening Duffy's Tavern

(GPR-147-1-379)(6-1-44)(AERIAL CIRCUS)

(GPR-148-2-379)(2-1-44)(NAZI PLANES)

(GP866-3379)(31-8-43X Visiting P47 Escort)

A Buzz Job of the buzzers

Boza

Cooney Hunt

Doc. Doerr

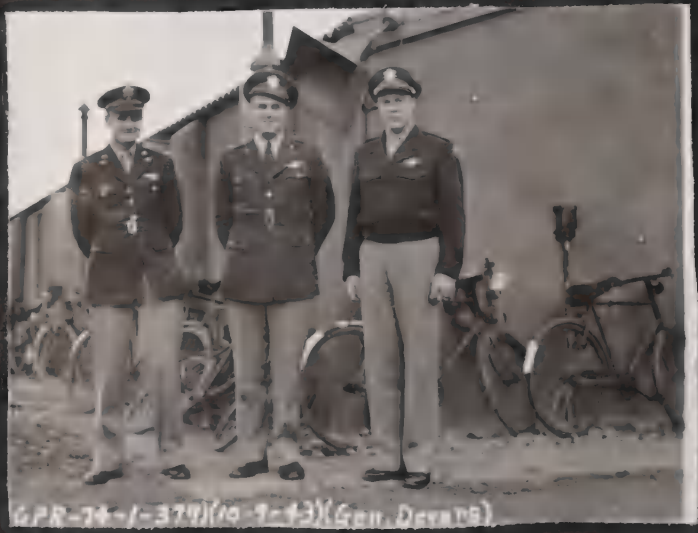
Rimes

Brownie

Schweiger, Coons, Letham, me, Bluhm, OBrien Rimes
Stephonas + Bender

Col Short + Swede

(36-2-379)(27-7-379)(OFFICER



(GPR-74-1-379)(10-9-43)(Gen. Dewitt)

Col Kittle, Gen Travis, Col Preston

Berman

Col Short, Lt McKenna, Chaplain Wesner
Col Oglow

Swede Carder Beeman

Fulkerson, Carlson, McKinzy & Brownie

Floyd

Loral & Hardy Col Preston & Rice

Lt Hoppe all ready to go

Dave Meyers

Brownie on Control tower

Me

Piasano - The Chief

Col Elliott, Dutch, me, Ashley, Joe Brown

Hoverkamp

Ward

Dandley

Hoverkamp + Crew

Piasano, Shepard, Hoppe + Hoverkamp

Reichold - Ward, Dingwell, + Donlley

Hickey Fawkes

OBrien

R.F. Johnson + Crew

Doc

Swede, Stolarz, + Doc

Natale, Isengard + Swede

Berman, Clouse, OBrien + Donahue

Burke, Hunter, Forsyth & Wall

Sweed

Forsyth, Burke, Jennings & Hunter

Haston

Wild + Seigle

Wild + Crew

Stephonsky + Lavine

(GPR-99-11-379)(11-10-43)(COMBAT)(REWS)

Cusick, AC Johnson, Holtsberg, Parker, Stimac, Schrovensky
Tapping, Keinen, Ivan, Matzat,

a.c. Johnson + crew after pitching in channel

Ellis, Hufnail, McCall

First chin turret Lt Wellham

Kapsar + Matis

Malarin

Cornell

(GM-379-49-2)(29-2-44)

(GM-379-49-1)(29-2-44)

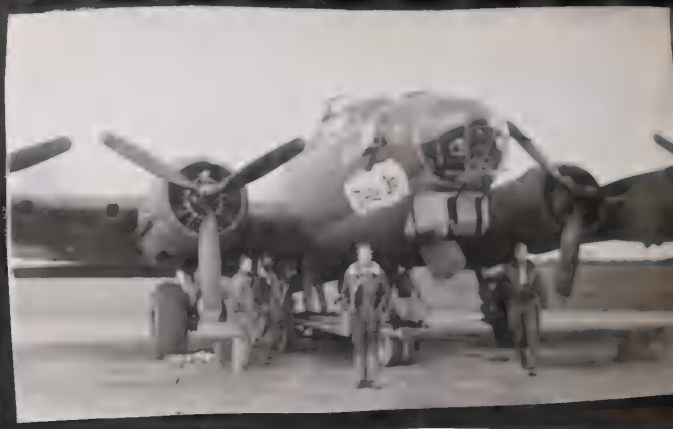
Staff meeting

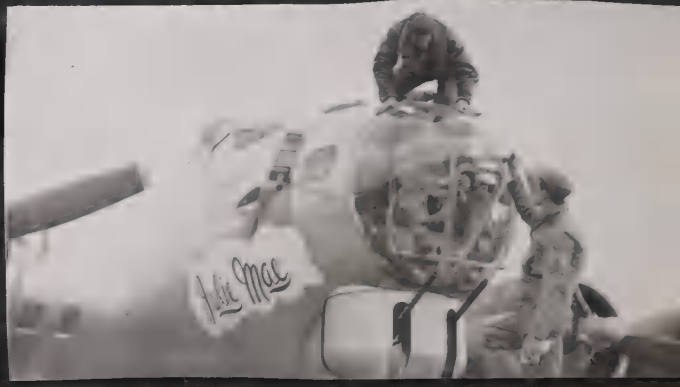
The Line after Sweating Them Out

Hess

Loading Them up Motor The Take off

owens





The after effects of a Station Party
Chris & Swede

Sabaltran Christine Garrat

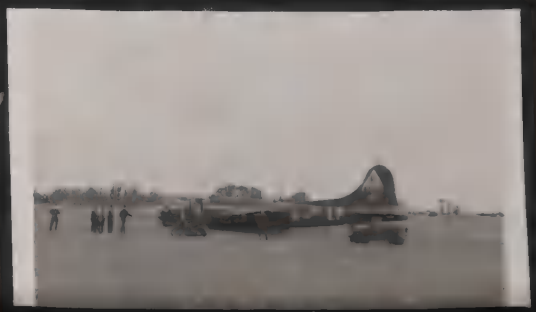
Boating on the Serpintine

Joe Freid

Flight Leader McKensey

He hit the firing pit

Becker Brought it all the way From Berlin



No Wheels

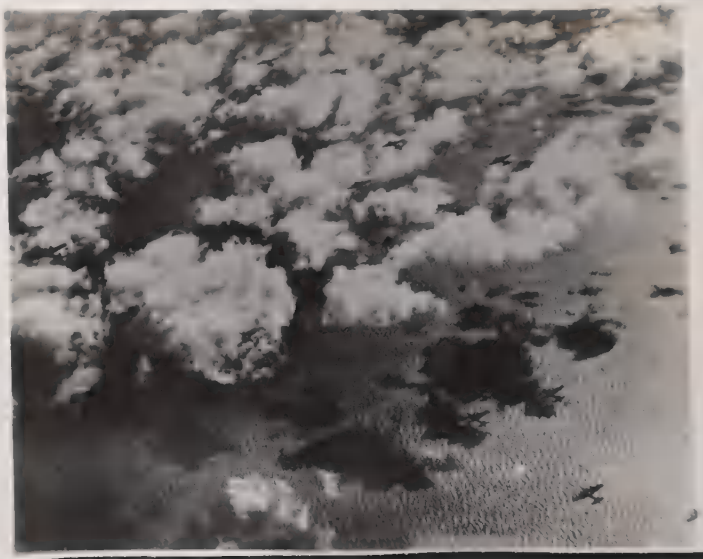
The Maintainance Crews at Work

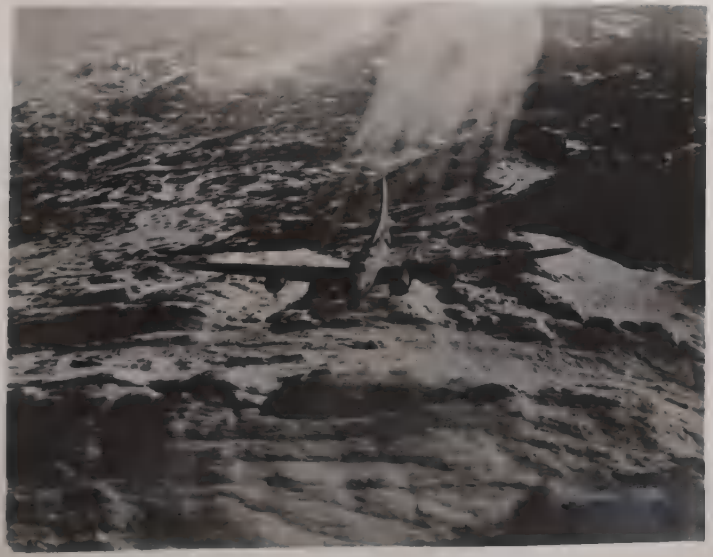
Floyd

Pay Call

Loading 1000# Externals

The Beast Geo. Beaman





Col Mason, Gen Doolittel, King, Queen, Princess

Smiling Joe laboring with the Queen

King, Doolittle, Queen, Princess & DuBoss

Sqdn Party

Sway + His Fancy Jacket

Mc + John Martin
July 44

Swede July 44

Capt J.B. Wall

Bongaus, Coons, Ramsdell, Welham, O'Brien, Bluhm

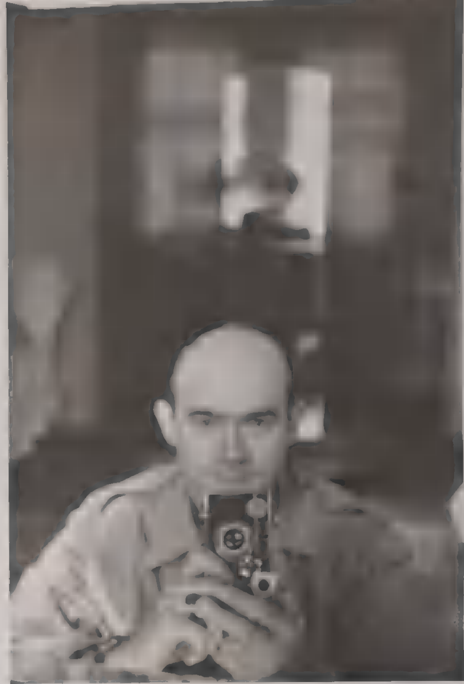
Welhan, Donahoe, O'Brien, Swa[illegible], Coons

From June 43 To Mar 13 44

Tarbert - Harris Leave of sept 44

Tarbert - Harris Sept 44

Swag in civies



Me in a mirror

Me, Swag, Don, Dave

(GPR-49-379)(7-8-43)(527TH BOMB SQUADRON)

La Bore + the Queen
or
The Queen + Joe

Sqdn
Party
Oct.
1944

Lt Stow, Capt McCormick Capt McKenna

The Worst Over Hung State ever worked out

Dave's Stagg Party

Col Preston Maj Meyers

Maj Myers + Lt Col Lyle

Capt Davis, Saad, Swag, Butler, Crenshaw Hunt at Benson

Millie + Dave

The wedding

Mac, Sol Rohr, Preston, Myers, Lytle, Wheeler, Cassela
Swag + Davis

Josh + Millie

Josh gave The Bride away ↙

The Honor Guard

Swag, [illegible], Swan, Rohr, Davis, [illegible], Cormick, Butler, Becker
Barker, Hunt, Fail + Wise

Jack Hartman - Charley Rosini - Malcom Doom
Oct 44

Still The Stag Party - Hunt Made Major

Doc Pilligan

a Black Widow

Doc Beers

Mrs Brown Markle & LaBorg Atlantic City
Markle, Brownie & Little Joe
They wished I was there - Don't - though

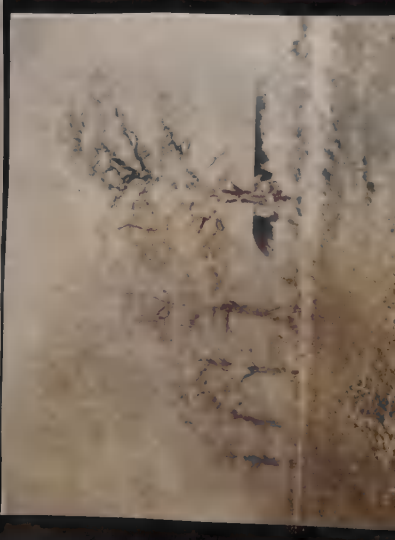
Hartman Rosini & Odom

Major Crosby Capt Layton
The old & the New Oct 44

Xmas Day 44. Old Jack Frost
gave us a [illegible] Xmas - when the fog lifted

New years day 44 - The Frost [illegible]
and it snowed Not Bad - Better than Fog

Xmas Tree - Xmas 44



Thunder Head - This finally brought the rain and thawed the ground after being frozen three weeks

r Collission
Brought Her Back - the other one didn't

Bombs Away!

Flak & a direc

a P51 TiTe Rope Walking

100 Missions
87 Missions no aborts

Maj Edwards, Maj Milison, [illegible]

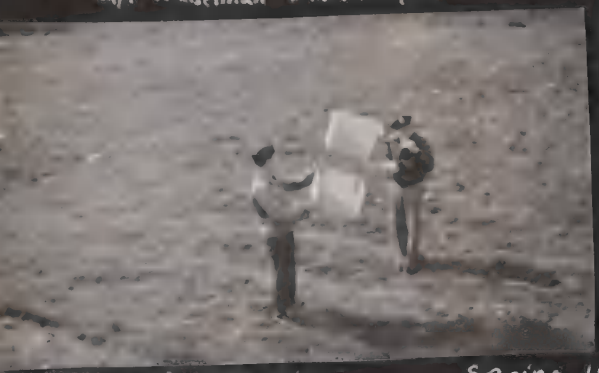
John [illegible] the Scramble for Coke
Jan 45

and The Snow Came -

Capt Hanselman + Lt Apelgate

Holloway + Mitro

Spring Cleaning



Rosini + John -

Spring Is Here at last

Major Si April 1 45

The Battel of the Coke
Spring Sprung a leak and it Snowed 26 April 45

The Meagle Christand

John, Hollensworth, Barrett, Schupert, Carter, Clayton

Carter, John Roey, Mc, Traughton

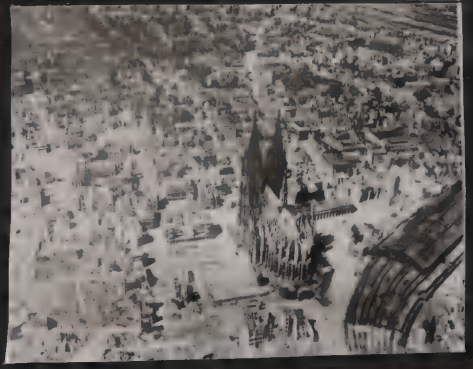
Saunders Veinman Carter McCartney

Home ?

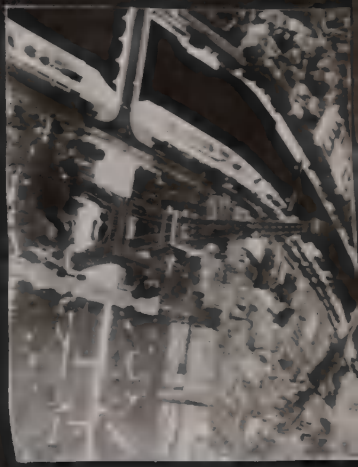
The Big Blue Team May 1 45

Paris 1945

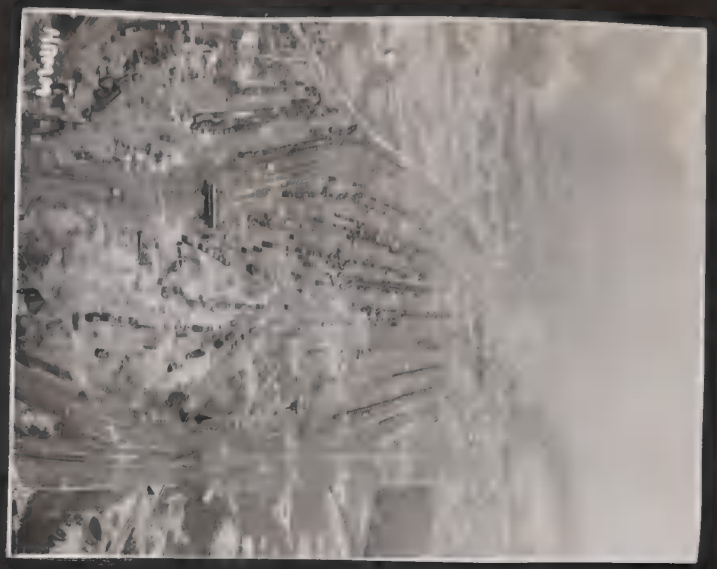
In The Channel April 45



May 10 45
Cologne



The Cologne Cathedral



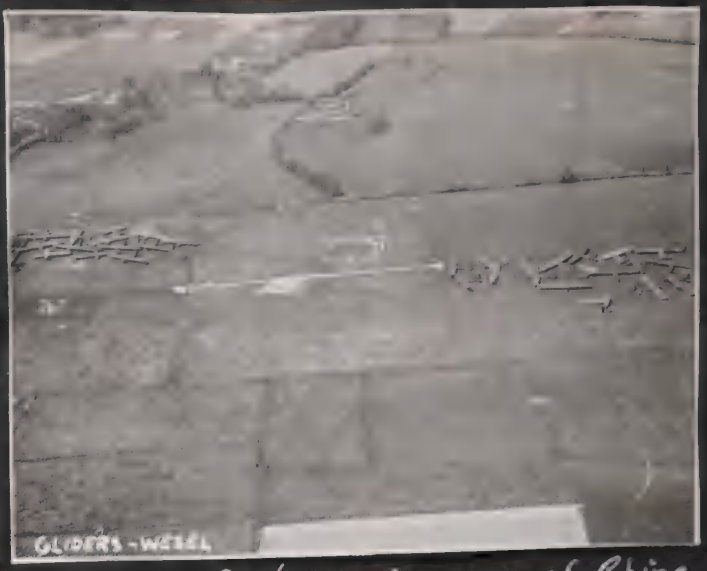
Synthetic Oil

Main Line from Ruhr to Bremen

V/C Gibsons Famous Dam

Flak Guns near Albert Canal

They sure can fix the damage fast.



Airborne Crossing of Rhine
There were 100s of them

one 22000#
Block buster
Took this
out

Bomber Command did this in one Nite
befor Monty Crossed the Rhine

The Center of town

The Germans bombed out the Center of the City after the Dutch Had declared it an open city in '41'. It is now all Cultivated - Gardens - flowers + vegetables

Frankfurt

Col's Lyle, Mason, Wheeler - Maj's Milison, Paine, Creo, Lane, Murry, Hunt, Duffy, Cassele, Wise, Barthel, Myers, Wayne, Briggs, - Capts Appleton, Rohr, Sullivan Southall, Grove, Lesher

The War is over & the 379th Goes all Out in a Big Time Review

I - The 527th Does its self Proud as Usual. John forgot to salute

Caplan, Lane, Quincy & Rogeur

Maj Lane & Rosy

Maj Lane

Klatt & I took after the Major's Sheila

POTESTAS
ACCURATIOQUE

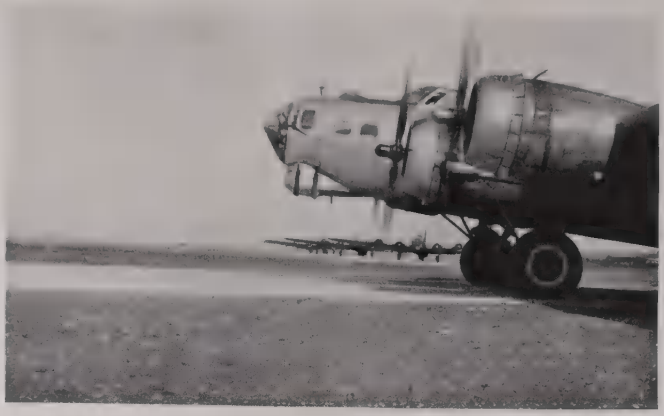
Capt. Wulwort

527th Bomb Sqdrn.

The "Hand of Victory"

FOUR OF A KIND

Lew Lyle
C.H. SCHULE
1945

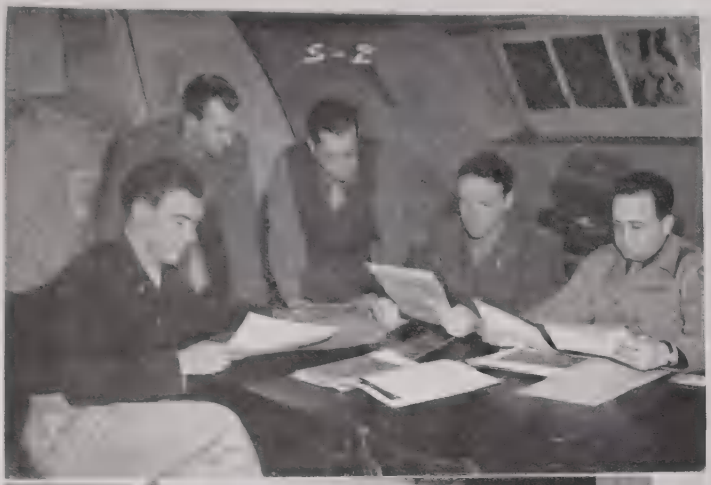


THE 379th Bomb Group completed 300 bombing missions over Nazi Europe—to which the average layman shrugs his shoulders and says, " so what ? " It doesn't sound like much when you say it quick—300 missions—but it has taken two years, cost the lives of a lot of damned good men and has meant an average working day of 16 hours for the men on the line.

Two years and 300 missions have brought many and varied changes in the group. From a small and obscure bomb group on the salt flats of Utah, it has risen to the top brackets of bombing circles in the European Theatre of Operations. It hasn't been easy, this was and still is the toughest theatre of operations in the world and competition has been keen. The air war in Europe has become decidedly easier, but it is still a dangerous and tedious task to bomb Festung Europa.

The Eighth Air Force has produced more heroes and has garnered more decorations than any other unit in the history of the American Armed Forces. This group has produced its share of those heroes—men like Paul Breeding, Mike Arooth, Bob Fegan, Charlie Sans, Sam Battalio, Tom Carruth, Skippy Corwin and Red Wyckle, Bill Jones, Cliff Erickson and a host of others.

Pilots like " Rip " Rohr, Bob Kittel, " Swede " Carlson, Bill Sipes and Mark Elliott have led the group to nearly every major target in Germany and the occupied countries. " Togglin' Ed " Millson, Joe Glaser, Joe Brown and Paul Crum have established a reputation second to none for bombing accuracy. Formations of 379th B-17s have ranged from the beaches of Normandy across Europe to Marienburg. St. Nazaire, better known as flak city, Big " B," bloody Schweinfurt and the hell that



300th M

ISSION

was Oschersleben have been taken in stride. The group has absorbed the Luftwaffe's Sunday punch and proved that it wasn't enough.

On the ground the engineering section has consistently led the Eighth Air Force in efficiency. Ground crews have nursed planes through non-abortive streaks as long as a London theatre queue. " Swamp Fire," " The Hellion," " Blues in the Night," " Ragin' Red," " Stump Jumper," " Ol' Gappy," and " Birmingham Jewel," to name only a few, bear mute testimony to the brilliant record of the 379th ground crewmen.

In April, 1944, this bomb group scored the only " operational grand slam " in the history of the Eighth Air Force, leading all other groups in every phase of heavy bombardment. This unprecedented achievement, which was a combination of bombing accuracy, greatest number of aircraft over targets, lowest losses, largest bomb tonnage dropped and engineering efficiency was attained while the group was commanded by Colonel Maurice A. Preston, now a combat wing commander.

Of the original combat crewmen who participated in the group's first mission, an attack on the sub pens at St. Nazaire, in May, 1943, four took part in the 300th. They were Jim Edwards, " Togglin' Ed " Millson, " Gibby " Gibson and Charlie Sans. Two other originals are still on the field, Lt. Colonel Lloyd C. Mason of Ruhr Valley, and " Panama Hattie " fame, and Paul Pennock who recently returned to the group for a second tour of ops.

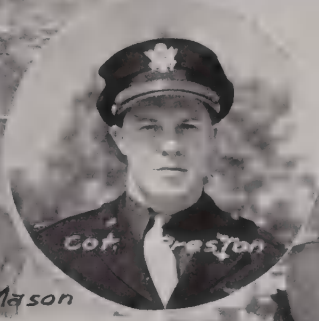
Colonel Lewis E. Lyle, our C.O. and one of the Eighth's outstanding pioneer airmen, led the group's 300th attack. Veteran of more than 65 official missions, he was flying combat in the ETO when this group was still on paper!

To complete the picture, we have sent some 9,000 aircraft over enemy targets and dropped more than 23,300 tons of bombs in 300 missions. There it is, the statistical side of the ledger, but the things you and I want to remember are not on paper. A crew chief watching a riddled formation return from Schweinfurt and softly murmuring, " There ain't enough planes in that formation ; I wonder if my ship is O.K. *?* "—the day Walter Euwer and his crew went down—the bombardier who after his first mission pinned his wings on the crew chief and said, " brother, do you wanna' swap jobs *?* "—a tail gunner whose guns went out on him over Wilhelmshaven, and sitting back in the tail he gave a running commentary over the intercom. as to how the raid was progressing—mad Mike Roskovitch, the first man to complete a tour of ops in the ETO, and who became a legend in the Eighth Air Force before his untimely death on a routine flight in Scotland—those are the things we will remember, not statistics. Stories like these are the real history of the group, but only when someone has drunk not too wisely perhaps but damned well, will many of them be told—in a hundred bull sessions from Maine to California. The 379th Bomb Group men and planes—doing a job and doing it well.

Glaser Pennock

"Mad Mike"

Col. Mason



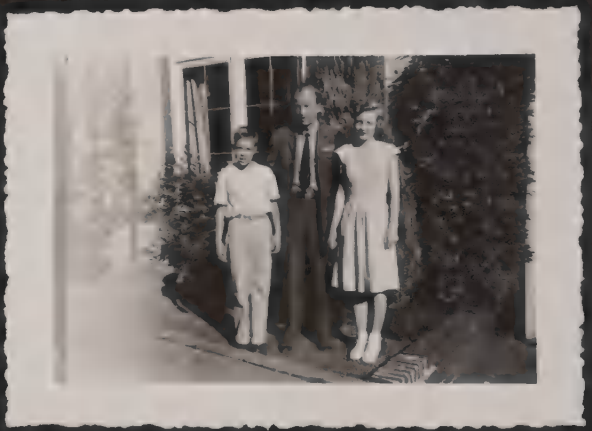
Pris & Judy Dec 44

Johnny & Janet Johnston

Me, Thelma, & Florance

Georgia & Me

Me & Georgia & Stan



Peter, Sandy & Rothie

Muriel Williams

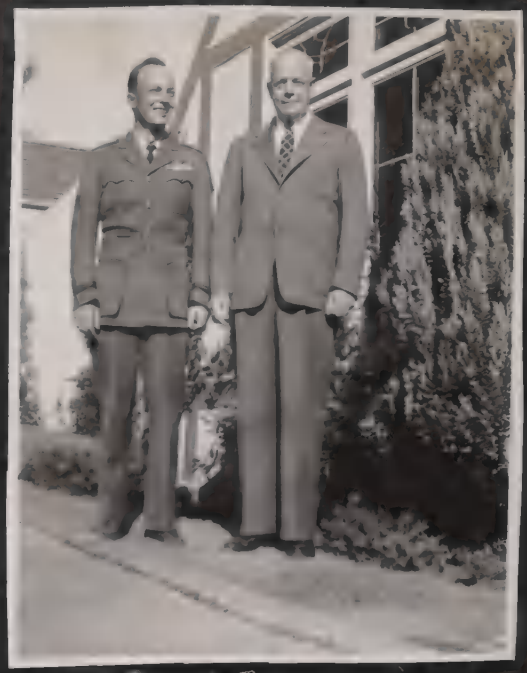
Mrs Mrs Joe & Bore
Aug. 44, [illegible] while [illegible]

Judy - Dec 44

Dad July 44

↑ El Rancho oil Texas ↓

Sandy on leave after 1st Tour 44



Jim + Jim

El, Marty, Nancy, Lou, Grace + Dad

Pete & Mother

Ruth & Pete Spring 44

Judy & Pris Spring 44

Kay & Susan Summer 43

Tommy Rapp Spring 43 8½ Mo.

SIGNING THE REGISTER is Mrs. James H. Mackie Jr., the former Miss Dorothy Good, after her wedding in Grace cathedral in San Francisco December 9.
—Du Charme.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. James H. Mackie, the former Dorothy Good, married recently in San Francisco, Cal. (DuCharme photo.)

'AUNTY NOISE' WILL BE FURIOUS OLD FUSS-BUDGET

With a new war cry of '40 to nothing or fight,' campus spirit at the University of Oregon is higher this year, and the higher it is, noisier it gets. This outfit is all tuned up for the homecoming rally Friday evening. Gathered around the steam roller are Ha[illegible] Heaner, Eugene; Kathleen Duffy, Bend; Cy Wentworth, Portland, p arade chairman; Genevieve McNiece, Portland, and [illegible] Coronado, Cal.

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